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## Letter of Support for Western Nebraska Community College Wind Energy Training Center

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Dr. Eileen E. Ely  
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Scottsbluff, NE 69361

RE: Western Nebraska Community College Wind Energy Training Center

Dear Dr. Ely,

As the National Renewable Energy Laboratory's and Wind Powering America's Nebraska Facilitator for the Wind for Schools (WFS) program I strongly support the efforts by Western Nebraska Community College's to establish a Wind Energy Training Center and program curriculum. Such a training center will educate and train rural youth for jobs and careers in the expanding and exciting wind energy industry. The wind training center will take training and career opportunities to the next level by facilitating the achievement of the goals and objectives that the Wind for Schools program delivers to K-12 schools across the state.

One of the economic bright spots in our state and national economy is the development of renewable energy, including wind energy development. Wind energy development provides an enormous economic opportunity for our state for both new jobs and rural economic development.

As WFS Nebraska Facilitator it is clear to me that Western Nebraska Community College is well suited to set up the necessary program to help make sure these new jobs are filled by Nebraska trained and educated students. As WFS Facilitator I also serve on the Wind Technician Advisory Committee of Northeast Community College relative to the development of their wind technician program. I certainly support your efforts to secure funding for your Wind Energy Training Center and program curriculum. Thank you for your interest in wind energy development in Nebraska.

Sincerely,

Dan McGuire  
NREL Facilitator  
Wind for Schools

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